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- (vii) The Central Pollution Control Board has issued notices to all the Coastal State Pollution Control Boards and the Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories to regulate discharge of untreated sewage/effluents.

**Environmental schemes in H.P.**

1417. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what schemes have been taken up by the Government in Himachal Pradesh for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in the State, during the last two years; and

(b) what is the amount provided by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The schemes taken up by the Government of India for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in Himachal Pradesh, during the last two years and the amount provided in this regard is given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Scheme-wise amount provided by Govt. for conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in Himachal Pradesh*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released during the last two years
1	2	3
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	212.76
2.	Eco Development Project	152.84
3.	Modern Forests Fire Control Methods	63.36
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	116.83
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	314.74

1	2	3
6.	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	67.18
7.	IAEPS/FDA under Samanvit Gram Vanikaran Samriddhi Yojana Scheme	80.00

**Wildlife sanctuaries in the country**

1418. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many wildlife sanctuaries, National Parks, Zoos are in the country State-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that many rare varieties of animals died in wildlife sanctuaries and national parks because of carelessness of the zoo authorities; if so, what is Government's action Plan to check unusual death of animals?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The information is given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) Zoo authorities are no way involved in management of National Parks and sanctuaries. Separate set of officers are involved in Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries. No cases of death of animals due to carelessness of officers have been reported. The main pressure on national parks and sanctuaries is from the mafias who illegally hunt the wildlife for pecuniary benefits.

Steps taken by the Government to safeguard against illegal hunting of wild animals include:

(1) *Steps taken at the State level:*

- (i) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (ii) State level and District level coordination committees have been set up in several States to prevent poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.